REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 23 are amended, new claims 25-30 are added, and no claims are canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the customizable web site access system comprises a host server, a composer invoker, and a performer invoker. As recited in now amended claim 1, said host server comprises, in part, a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs. Claim 9 has been amended to recite the steps of remotely invoking a composer operating on a server, creating a presentation in said composer, and remotely invoking a performer operating on said server to present said presentation, in combination with the other steps recited in the claim. Claim 17 has been amended to recite that the software program operates on a host server and that the software program comprises "means for automatically presenting for display at a location remote from the server said desired list of URLs in a slide show format according to the established sequence, wherein each of said URLs comprises a slide within the slide show, and wherein each slide is automatically displayed to a user, absent human intervention, for the established duration of display," in combination with the other elements recited in the claim. Claims 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, and 23 have been amended in accordance with the amendments to claims 1, 9, and 17. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found throughout the present application as filed, for example at page 16, lines 1-21, and in FIG. 1. Therefore, no new matter has been added, and no narrowing amendments are intended to any of the existing elements in the claims.

New claims 25 and 26 have been added to depend from claim 1 and recite that the performer invoker (claim 25) and the composer invoker (claim 26) comprise a web browser. Support for new claims 25 and 26 can be found throughout the application as filed, for example

at page 16, lines 1-21, and in FIGS. 1, 3, 4, 9, and 11. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

New claim 27 has been added and is directed to a customizable web site access system comprising a host server, a composer invoker, and a performer invoker, in addition to the other elements recited in the claim. New claims 28-30 depend from and further define new claim 27. Support for new claims 27-30 can be found throughout the application as filed, for example at pages 16-25, and in FIGS. 1-11. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,904,450 to King et al. (hereinafter "King") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,785 to Craig (hereinafter "Craig"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

As recited in now amended claim 1, a host server comprises, in part, a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs. Referring to page 16, lines 1-21, and FIG. 1 of the present application as filed, "a composer 12 and a performer 14... are preferably stored on a host server 16. Composer 12 may be manually invoked by a site owner/developer 18 to create a customized presentation 20 of multiple web pages or may be automatically invoked by a query-based system 22...." Referring to FIG. 2A, which depicts a preferred operation of the composer 12 (page 17, line 1), creating a customized presentation includes, in part, entering a list of web sites (step 308), entering a duration of display for each web site (step 310), entering a number of times to replay web sites (step 312), and entering an order of display of web sites (step 314). The entries are then stored on the host server at step 316 (page 18, line 21 – page 19, line 2).

Neither Craig nor King teaches or suggests a host server comprising a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs, as recited in claim 1.

Craig does not explicitly teach a composer, rather only that "a person (instructor) may 'surf' the Web identifying various Web sites that contain information that the instructor would like to consolidate and present as a single encapsulated presentation. This may be done simply by noting the URLs that define the various Web locations that correspond to the information to be presented and implicitly the order of their presentation. The URLs may be collected and stored as a single web document and placed on a Web server." (Craig, column 4, lines 7-13.) Craig is also silent as to a pre-set display duration. As previously submitted by the Applicant on pages 7-8 of the Amendment filed on April 5, 2005:

Craig gives no pre-set time of duration, rather, the instructor/student manual select a previous or next slide button, i.e., the time duration is not preset. The user, whether instructor or student, is not provided with the opportunity to set an actual time of duration see the GUI of Fig. 2 and Col. 8, Lines 59-61 of Craig (buttons are previous, next, or synchronize). When in synchronize mode, the student is under control of the instructor and the instructor must manually select the next/previous slide to move through the presentation (see Col. 10, Lines 32-37 of Craig). The standalone instructor session operates just like a standalone student session in that the instructor is provided only with the choices of previous, next or synchronize; the GUI is the same for both instructor and student (see Col. 9, Lines 29-31). This means that the only way of moving through the slide show is not by utilizing a pre-set duration time and

automatically moving through the slides as claimed by the present invention but only by manual, user-selection of a next or previous button.

(Emphasis in original.) Craig therefore does not teach or suggest a host server comprising a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs, as recited in claim 1.

King teaches a client-side director, not a host server comprising a composer; refer, for example, to FIGS. 2 and 5 and col. 5, lines 17-18, of King: "Director 104 comprises . . . a timer module 114" In King, the director (104) comprising the timer module (114) is remote from the server (108). Therefore, King does not teach or suggest a host server comprising a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs, as recited in claim 1.

Claim 9 now recites, in part, remotely invoking a composer operating on a host server, and creating a presentation in said composer by establishing a list of URLs in said composer; determining a display sequence of said list of URLs in said composer; and determining a duration of display for said list of URLs in said composer. For reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1, neither Craig nor King teaches or suggests creating a presentation in said composer by establishing a list of URLs in said composer; determining a display sequence of said list of URLs in said composer; and determining a duration of display for said list of URLs in said composer, wherein said composer is operating on a host server, as recited in part in claim 9.

Claim 17 now recites, in part, a software program operating on a host server and comprising means for establishing a duration of display of said desired list of URLs. For reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 9, neither Craig nor King teaches or

suggests the software program operating on a host server and comprising means for establishing a duration of display of said desired list of URLs of claim 17.

New claim 27 recites, in part, a host server comprising a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs, similar to claim 1. Although claim 27 is new and therefore was not treated in the rejections in the Office Action, Applicant submits that the art of record neither teaches nor suggests the system of claim 27, at least for the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1. Neither Craig nor King teaches or suggests a host server comprising a composer to create a presentation by accepting a list of a plurality of URLs, a desired sequence of display of said plurality of URLs, and a pre-set display duration for each of said plurality of URLs, as recited in new claim 27

Accordingly, claims 1, 9, 17, and 27 are now allowable. Claims 2-8, 10-16, 18-26, and 28-30 variously depend from claims 1, 9, 17, and 27 and are therefore also now allowable. The rejections of claim 2-8, 10-16, and 18-24 are traversed but not expressly argued in view of the allowability of the underlying base claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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